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Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan

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The following is the local educational agency's (LEA's) plan for providing supplemental instruction and support to students, including those identified as needing academic, social-emotional, and other supports, including the provision of meals and snacks. The plan will explain how the LEA will use the funds it receives through the Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Grant to implement a learning recovery program for at least the students included in one or more of the following groups: low-income students, English learners, foster youth, homeless students, students with disabilities, students at risk of abuse, neglect, or exploitation, disengaged students, and students who are below grade level, including, but not limited to, those who did not enroll in kindergarten in the 2020–21 school year, credit-deficient students, high school students at risk of not graduating, and other students identified by certificated staff.

For specific requirements please refer to the Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan Instructions.

Plan Descriptions

A description of how parents, teachers, and school staff were involved in the development of the plan.

This draft plan was presented to leadership on April 19, 2021 for review, input, and suggestions. The draft plan was sent to all stakeholders for review, input, and suggestion May1 - May 3, 2021. All review, input, and suggestions are compiled and the plan will be updated. All stakeholders will be available to attend our board meeting in May to make public comments before approval.

A description of how students will be identified and the needs of students will be assessed.

Elite Academic Academy uses a variety of ways to assess the needs of our students. We have an informal iReady assessment that is used to determine grade level proficiency and determine "At Promise" students who need acceleration. We have an "I Care" student and staff survey that gauges the socio emotional health of our students. We also use current grade level data such as report cards, transcripts, SST, and teaching input, to ensure that we are working to provide supplemental support to students in need during this global pandemic. All student assessment data is housed in a comprehensive Monday.com board for easy access to stakeholders.

A description of how parents and guardians of students will be informed of the opportunities for supplemental instruction and support.

A student's teacher of record will be responsible for informing families about these supplemental instruction opportunities. Our Student Support Team monitors eligible students and ensures that all parents and guardians are made aware of what supports are available to their child. They use Parent Square, E-mails, Phone Calls, Surveys and more to keep our stakeholders informed.

A description of the LEA's plan to provide supplemental instruction and support.

Extended Instructional Minutes

Elite Academic Academy has created a year-round calendar that allows for an extended school year. Students who join this track are in school approximately 205 days per year. Elite Academic Academy's Virtual Academy's year-round track utilizes the first learning period to provide high school students the opportunity to:

- #1) Regain lost credits to ensure on-time high school graduation.
- #2) Pursue fields of interest within our Career Technical Education courses.
- #3) Accelerate their high school careers by getting ahead on credits with our A-G core & elective courses.
- #4) Develop strong social/emotional skills with our newly adopted A-G approved SEL courses.

Counselors work to determine appropriate class placement for students to ensure that any classes taken during this learning period will support them in their long-term goals. In addition to the support of a child's teacher of record, and subject matter content teachers, students will also have access to one on one and/or small group tutoring. There will also be enrichment opportunities for these students via our community partners in the areas of physical education, socio-emotional speakers and events, visual and performing arts, and career

technical events. Planners, off-line curriculum, and enrichment materials will be personalized and sent to each child's home through our Community Relations department. In collaboration with a child's parents, as an independent study student learning from home, students will be given in-person support by the parent daily as well as virtual support via Canvas, Zoom, Text, Phone from California Credentialed Teachers.

In July and August, we also run a K-8 intervention/acceleration program where students work with a credentialed Elite Educator and close achievement gaps. Teachers use our researched-based curriculum to support the students with weekly targeted intervention lessons with the goal of closing designated achievement gaps. There is a heavy focus on literacy during this time, with chapter books, reading logs, and creative ways for students to engage with the text. Planners, off-line curriculum, and enrichment materials will be personalized and sent to each child's home through our Community Relations department. In collaboration with a child's parents, as an independent study student learning from home, students will be given in-person support by the parent daily as well as virtual support via Canvas, Zoom, Text, Phone from California Credentialed Teachers.

SWD who, according to the IEP team, need to mitigate learning loss will be given an opportunity to meet with their support providers over the summer to make up, increase and improve the student's knowledge of designated goals and objectives. This is in addition to any student who would otherwise be eligible for Extended School Year according to their IEP.

Accelerating Progress to close Learning Gaps.

Elite Academic Academy is developing a proprietary tutoring learning management system. Using assessment data (both local and state) teachers, parents and students can request tutoring. The system allows for teachers of record to ensure that a student is tutored in an area of need. There is a workflow of communication, appointments and accountability to ensure that students' growth is monitored. A review process is built in that ensures that the one-on-one, or small group, tutoring is closing achievement gaps. The hiring of high-quality tutoring and matching them with students is built into this system. Our goal is to see individual student success as a result of this system.

Expenditure Plan

The following table provides the LEA's expenditure plan for how it will use ELO Grant funds to support the supplemental instruction and support strategies being implemented by the LEA.

Supplemental Instruction and Support Strategies	Planned Expenditures	Actual Expenditures
Extending instructional learning time	\$116,000	

Supplemental Instruction and Support Strategies	Planned Expenditures	Actual Expenditures
Accelerating progress to close learning gaps through the implementation, expansion, or enhancement of learning supports	\$270,000	
Integrated student supports to address other barriers to learning		
Community learning hubs that provide students with access to technology, high-speed internet, and other academic supports		
Supports for credit deficient students to complete graduation or grade promotion requirements and to increase or improve students' college eligibility		
Additional academic services for students		
Training for school staff on strategies to engage students and families in addressing students' social-emotional health and academic needs		
Total Funds to implement the Strategies	386,000	

A description of how ELO Grant funds are being coordinated with other federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds received by the LEA.

ELO grant funds are being coordinated to ensure that student learning loss is continuing to be addressed in the 21.22 school year. These new funds will allow intensive support systems, such as our one on one, and/or small group, tutoring, to continue as we work to support students in closing additional achievement gaps. Our business team is tracking all dollars spent and ensuring that the funds are spent in accordance with outlined requirements, and dollars are used to provided supplemental services above and beyond the core instruction of our students.

Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan Instructions: Introduction

The Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan must be completed by school districts, county offices of education, or charter schools, collectively referred to as Local Educational Agencies (LEAs), that receive Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Grant funds under California *Education Code (EC)* Section 43521(b). The plan must be adopted by the local governing board or body of the LEA at a public meeting on or before June 1, 2021, and must be submitted to the county office of education, the California Department of Education, or the chartering authority within five days of adoption, as applicable. The plan must be updated to include the actual expenditures by December 1, 2022.

For technical assistance related to the completion of the Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan, please contact ELOGrants@cde.ca.gov or lcff@cde.ca.gov

Instructions: Plan Requirements

An LEA receiving ELO Grant funds under *EC* Section 43521(b) is required to implement a learning recovery program that, at a minimum, provides supplemental instruction, support for social and emotional well-being, and, to the maximum extent permissible under the guidelines of the United States Department of Agriculture, meals and snacks to, at a minimum, students who are included in one or more of the following groups:

- low-income,
- English learners,
- foster youth,
- homeless students,
- students with disabilities,
- students at risk of abuse, neglect, or exploitation,
- disengaged students, and
- students who are below grade level, including, but not limited to, those who did not enroll in kindergarten in the 2020–21 school year, credit-deficient students, high school students at risk of not graduating, and other students identified by certificated staff.

For purposes of this requirement

- “Supplemental instruction” means the instructional programs provided in addition to and complementary to the LEAs regular instructional programs, including services provided in accordance with an individualized education program (IEP).
- “Support” means interventions provided as a supplement to those regularly provided by the LEA, including services provided in accordance with an IEP, that are designed to meet students’ needs for behavioral, social, emotional, and other integrated student supports, in order to enable students to engage in, and benefit from, the supplemental instruction being provided.
- “Students at risk of abuse, neglect, or exploitation” means students who are identified as being at risk of abuse, neglect, or exploitation in a written referral from a legal, medical, or social service agency, or emergency shelter.

EC Section 43522(b) identifies the seven supplemental instruction and support strategies listed below as the strategies that may be supported with ELO Grant funds and requires the LEA to use the funding only for any of these purposes. LEAs are not required to implement each supplemental instruction and support strategy; rather LEAs are to work collaboratively with their community partners to identify the

supplemental instruction and support strategies that will be implemented. LEAs are encouraged to engage, plan, and collaborate on program operation with community partners and expanded learning programs, and to leverage existing behavioral health partnerships and Medi-Cal billing options in the design and implementation of the supplemental instruction and support strategies being provided (*EC* Section 43522[h]).

The seven supplemental instruction and support strategies are:

1. Extending instructional learning time in addition to what is required for the school year by increasing the number of instructional days or minutes provided during the school year, providing summer school or intersessional instructional programs, or taking any other action that increases the amount of instructional time or services provided to students based on their learning needs.
2. Accelerating progress to close learning gaps through the implementation, expansion, or enhancement of learning supports including, but not limited to, any of the following:
 - a. Tutoring or other one-on-one or small group learning supports provided by certificated or classified staff.
 - b. Learning recovery programs and materials designed to accelerate student academic proficiency or English language proficiency, or both.
 - c. Educator training, for both certificated and classified staff, in accelerated learning strategies and effectively addressing learning gaps, including training in facilitating quality and engaging learning opportunities for all students.
3. Integrated student supports to address other barriers to learning, such as the provision of health, counseling, or mental health services, access to school meal programs, before and after school programs, or programs to address student trauma and social-emotional learning, or referrals for support for family or student needs.
4. Community learning hubs that provide students with access to technology, high-speed internet, and other academic supports.
5. Supports for credit deficient students to complete graduation or grade promotion requirements and to increase or improve students' college eligibility.
6. Additional academic services for students, such as diagnostic, progress monitoring, and benchmark assessments of student learning.
7. Training for school staff on strategies, including trauma-informed practices, to engage students and families in addressing students' social-emotional health needs and academic needs.

As a reminder, *EC* Section 43522(g) requires that all services delivered to students with disabilities be delivered in accordance with an applicable IEP.

Fiscal Requirements

The following fiscal requirements are requirements of the ELO grant, but they are not addressed in this plan. Adherence to these requirements will be monitored through the annual audit process.

- The LEA must use at least 85 percent (85%) of its apportionment for expenditures related to providing in-person services in any of the seven purposes described above.
- The LEA must use at least 10 percent (10%) of the funding that is received based on LCFF entitlement to hire paraprofessionals to provide supplemental instruction and support through the duration of this program, with a priority for full-time paraprofessionals. The supplemental instruction and support provided by the paraprofessionals must be prioritized for English learners and students with disabilities. Funds expended to hire paraprofessionals count towards the LEAs requirement to spend at least 85% of its apportionment to provide in-person services.

- An LEA may use up to 15 percent (15%) of its apportionment to increase or improve services for students participating in distance learning or to support activities intended to prepare the LEA for in-person instruction, before in-person instructional services are offered.

Instructions: Plan Descriptions

Descriptions provided should include sufficient detail yet be sufficiently succinct to promote a broad understanding among the LEA's local community.

A description of how parents, teachers, and school staff were involved in the development of the plan

Describe the process used by the LEA to involve, at a minimum, parents, teachers, and school staff in the development of the Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan, including how the LEA and its community identified the seven supplemental instruction and support strategies that will be implemented. LEAs are encouraged to engage with community partners, expanded learning programs, and existing behavioral health partnerships in the design of the plan.

A description of how parents and guardians of students will be informed of the opportunities for supplemental instruction and support.

Describe the LEA's plan for informing the parents and guardians of students identified as needing supplemental instruction and support of the availability of these opportunities, including an explanation of how the LEA will provide this information in the parents' and guardians' primary languages, as applicable.

A description of how students will be identified and the needs of students will be assessed

Describe the LEA's plan for identifying students in need of academic, social-emotional, and other integrated student supports, including the LEA's plan for assessing the needs of those students on a regular basis. The LEA's plan for assessing the academic needs of its students may include the use of diagnostic and formative assessments.

As noted above in the Plan Requirements, "other integrated student supports" are any supports intended to address barriers to learning, such as the provision of health, counseling, or mental health services, access to school meal programs, before and after school programs, or programs to address student trauma and social-emotional learning, or referrals for support for family or student needs.

A description of the LEA's plan to provide supplemental instruction and support

Describe the LEA's plan for how it will provide supplemental instruction and support to identified students in the seven strategy areas defined in the Plan Requirements section. As a reminder, the LEA is not required to implement each of the seven strategies; rather the LEA will work collaboratively with its community to identify the strategies that will be implemented. The plan must include a description of how supplemental instruction and support will be provided in a tiered framework that bases universal, targeted, and intensive supports on students' needs for academic, social-emotional, and other integrated student supports. The plan must also include a description of how the services will be provided through a program of engaging learning experiences in a positive school climate.

As a reminder, *EC* Section 43522(g) requires that all services delivered to students with disabilities be delivered in accordance with an applicable individualized education program. Additionally, LEAs are encouraged to collaborate with community partners and expanded learning programs, and to leverage existing behavioral health partnerships and Medi-Cal billing options in the implementation of, this plan (*EC* Section 43522[h]).

Instructions: Expenditure Plan

The 'Supplemental Instruction and Support Strategies' column of the Expenditure Plan data entry table lists the seven supplemental instruction and support strategies that may be supported with ELO Grant funds.

Complete the Expenditure Plan data entry table as follows:

In the 'Planned Expenditures' column of the data entry table, specify the amount of ELO Grant funds being budgeted to support each supplemental instruction and support strategies being implemented by the LEA and the total of all ELO Grant funds being budgeted.

The plan must be updated to include the actual expenditures by December 1, 2022. In the 'Actual Expenditures' column of the data entry table the LEA will report the amount of ELO Grant funds that the LEA actually expended in support of the strategies that it implemented, as well as the total ELO Grant funds expended.

A description of how these funds are being coordinated with other federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds received by the LEA

Describe how the LEA is coordinating its ELO Grant funds with funds received from the federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund provided through the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (Public Law 116-260), also known as ESSER II, to maximize support for students and staff.

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